#### **GOVERNING BOARD POLICY**

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District

Policy No: 17-01 Adopted: February 27, 2017

James L. Cox

Governing Board Chair

**Brad Poiriez** 

Executive Director/APCO

SUBJECT: The Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund

#### **POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Governing Board of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (District) to support beneficial air quality improvement projects and programs by offering grant funding to projects that have a positive air quality impacts on a local community within the District's jurisdiction.

#### **AMPLIFICATION OF POLICY:**

#### (A) General

The purpose of this fund is to provide grants for projects that provide positive air quality impacts on a local community. An award from the District for such projects serves the mission of the District to promote clean air and contribute to a reduction in emissions within the jurisdiction. The Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund was initially funded with resources identified by the District in cooperation with the California Air Resources Board and the State. Future funding may be recommended and authorized by the Board from time to time either directly or through the budget process.

## (B) Scope of Grants

Eligible projects may include but are not limited to purchase(s) of equipment, creation of programs, or construction of projects that upon completion improve air quality by reducing emissions and/or, dust, or increasing energy efficiency. Programs which are duplicative of District efforts are not eligible for funding.

The Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund may not be used to fund projects otherwise eligible for other District grant programs, such as the Mobile Emissions Reduction Program, Carl Moyer,

or other restricted funding sources. Should funds from these existing programs be depleted, the APCO may approve a grant submission to the Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund that would otherwise be eligible for other District grant programs.

#### (C) Procedure

- a. Grant awards will be made from an interest bearing bank account established for the purpose of funding the Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund.
- b. Requests for grant awards must be made in writing to the APCO, or designee, and must describe the proposed project, provide a budget of the funds requested, an explanation for the requested amount of funds, describe the community which will be impacted by the proposed air quality benefit and outline any in-kind or matching funds available.
- c. Project awards must provide positive air quality impacts and/or education within the community. Project requests must submit an evaluation of the air quality benefit or air quality improvement.
- d. Grant award recommendations and disbursement is delegated to the APCO up to \$10,000 per project; individual grant requests exceeding \$10,000 must be presented to the Governing Board for approval.
- e. Any entity or organization which is not compliant with MDAQMD regulations or are in arrears to the MDAQMD may not be eligible to apply.
- f. The APCO will periodically report to the Governing Board of the awards and the status of the fund.
- g. The APCO may develop additional procedures as needed or direct staff to do so.

Revision History:

Adopted: 02/27/2017

Last review: 02/27/2017

# MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA

#### AGENDA ITEM 7

**DATE:** February 27, 2017

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Governing Board Policy 17-01, "The Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund."

**SUMMARY:** This item adopts a new Governing Board Policy, 17-01, "The Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund."

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None** 

**BACKGROUND:** From time to time a beneficial project opportunity occurs that, when funded, would provide positive air quality impacts on the local community. The District's existing grant programs are often too restrictive for smaller, local activities or are too limited in scope or function to use for these projects. An award from the District for these types of projects serves the mission of the District to promote clean air and contribute to a reduction in emissions within the jurisdiction.

Governing Board Policy 17-01 establishes the policy, the scope, and the procedures for The Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund. The policy delegates to the APCO authority to award up to \$10,000 per project subject to the criteria. Individual grant requests exceeding that limit must be presented to the Governing Board for approval. The APCO will periodically report to the Governing Board the awards and status of the fund.

The Mojave Desert Clean Air Fund will be initially funded with funds deemed excess interest as identified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and on deposit in the Carl Moyer trust fund.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:** The Governing Board action is necessary to approve changes to the policies of the Governing Board.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item was reviewed by Karen Nowak, District Counsel as to legal form on or about February 13, 2017.

FINANCIAL DATA: No increase in appropriation is anticipated.

**PRESENTER:** Brad Poiriez, Executive Director/APCO

OF MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT DISTRICT, HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A FULL, TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE RECORD OF THE ACTION AS THE SAME APPEARS IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SAID GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

CLERK OF THE BOARD
MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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# ACTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

ADOPTED (APPROVED)

Upon Mo	tion by B.	ARB STANTON, Seconded by BARBARA RIORDAN, as approved by the
following	roll call	vote:
Ayes:	8	DECONINCK, CAMARGO, HERNANDEZ, STANTON,
Noes:		RIORDAN, COX, COLE, LEONE

Absent: 5 ASHLEY, LOVINGOOD, RUSS, RAMOS, WILLIAMS

Abstain: Vacant:

DEANNA HERNANDEZ, EXECUTIVE OFFICE MANAGER Dated: FEBRUARY 27, 2017